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QUESTIONS FOR NOMINEE FOR CHAIRMAN OF CRRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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CONNECTICUT RESOURCES RECOVERY AUTHORITY (CRRA) (CGS §§ 22A-261 AND 262)

- The authority's board of directors consists of 11 members appointed by the governor and legislative leaders. The governor appoints three members and the Senate president pro tempore, the House speaker, the Senate minority leader, and House minority leader two each.
- Three directors must represent towns with a population of fewer than 50,000 and two must represent towns with populations greater than 50,000.
- Five directors represent the public and must have extensive, high-level experience in a specified field. Three must be experienced in finance, business, or industry; one in an environmental field; and one in an energy field.
- Directors serve four-year terms and must be confirmed by both houses. The governor designates one member to serve as chairman, with the advice and consent of both houses. The chairman serves at the governor's pleasure.

- CRRA is a quasi-public agency that plans, designs, builds, and operates solid waste disposal, volume reduction, recycling, intermediate processing, and resources recovery facilities. The chairman, with approval of the board of directors, appoints the president of the authority, who supervises the authority's administrative affairs and technical activities.

CURRENT ISSUES

1. Are you satisfied with how CRRA's board operates? What are your priorities for (a) this legislative session and (b) the long term?
2. Two bills pending before the legislature this session, HB 5125 and SB 333, would change the composition of CRRA's board of directors. What changes do you believe would be most beneficial to the board's membership? Do you believe there are any groups that are underrepresented on the board?
3. Many contracts between CRRA and individual municipalities expire this year. What are the reasons why municipalities may not renew these contracts? What is CRRA doing to address these reasons?
4. The Mid-Connecticut Facility will operate under a single contractor for its operation and maintenance once the remaining contract for running the facility expires. The facility used to have two contractors for its operation and maintenance.
 - a. What are the benefits of using a sole contractor for both operation and maintenance? Will using one contractor make the facility more efficient?
 - b. Have there been any difficulties associated with transitioning to a single contractor?

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AND RECYCLING

5. To incentivize recycling, each year since 2008 CRRA has provided rebates to municipalities for each qualifying ton of recyclables delivered to CRRA during the fiscal year ending in June of that year.
 - a. How is this incentive amount determined? Does CRRA intend to increase the per-ton incentive amount in the future?
 - b. Has the amount of recyclables delivered to CRRA by municipalities increased since 2008? If so, do you believe that the increase is attributable to the recycling rebates?
 - c. Aside from providing a financial incentive, how can CRRA further encourage recycling and diverting materials from our waste stream?
6. Earlier this year, Governor Malloy announced the establishment of a working group to evaluate and recommend changes to the state's recycling system. Are there any particular aspects of the system that you believe the working group should examine?
7. Should the state's list of required recyclable items be expanded? What items do you believe should be recycled? How much preparation time does CRRA need to accept newly added recyclables?
8. What steps has CRRA taken to modernize and update its educational programs? What programs have been the most successful at educating the public about proper solid waste management?

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